

Decorator's Notebook
by Alicia Joyce



Valuable Antiques, Like Today's Fine Furniture, Utilize Veneers

Although veneering is often thought of as a development of modern furniture manufacturing, it actually is one of the oldest of the arts used by furniture craftsmen. Such masters as Chippendale, Adam, Sheraton, Hepplewhite and others used veneers extensively to enhance the beauty of their creations in the "golden age" of furniture design. These artisans, of course, often had to cut their own veneers whereas today modern manufacturing methods and technology produce them in the form of bonded hardwood plywood so constructed that the end product is stronger than the original wood from which it was made. These make possible the almost endless variety of beautiful figure patterns seen in today's truly fine furniture.

Compare the museum piece (top) a Hepplewhite style satinwood desk produced about 1850 with the cherry George Washington desk (lower) currently being sold. Both utilize beautiful hardwood veneers although the ornateness of the Hepplewhite carving and inlay has been reduced to traditional simplicity for today's more functional market. The chair is a Sheraton museum piece built about 1850.

Torrance Girl in Gardena Program

Four drivers are rated as top favorites for this Sunday afternoon's claiming stock car races at the Gardena Stadium, starting at 2:30 p.m. Leading drivers include Jim Preston, Norwalk; Bruce Worrell, Lakewood; Johnny Jones, Hawthorne; and Howard Walton, Gardena. It will be a double-header show, with the famous destruction derby being presented at 7 p.m. during the evening. Admission for the day show is \$1.50 for adults.

A ten event program of races on tap for the afternoon performance topped by a 30-lap main event. Other drivers include: Chuck Towson, Downey; Whitey Fuller, Gardena; Jack Lewis, Bakersfield; Johnny Gray, South Gate; Clyde Smith, Los Angeles; Bing Warner, Artesia; LaMarr Anderson, Manhattan Beach; Dick Elliott, El Monte; Ummie Paulson, Compton, and some 40 others will be in action.

A special race for girl drivers will be on both programs. Leading lady driver is Hilla Paulson, Compton, she will face stiffer competition from Joyce Elliott, La Mirada; Helen Knight, Torrance; Gerri Lloyd, Gardena; Doris Brunty, Alhambra; Lynn Stewart, Huntington Park; Cookie Jones, Hawthorne; June Lewis, Compton and Carol Wilcox, Huntington Park.

Sunday night's destruction derby will be put on again by special demand of the public. Last week's program was to be the last, but the event will continue until weather conditions make it impossible to continue.

YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Scabies, Formerly Called 7-Year Itch, Easily Cured with Ointment

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Scabies is a skin disease caused by a tiny parasite so small that the adult female, which is larger than the male, is just barely visible to the naked eye. This ectoparasite, or itch-mite as it is often called, burrows under the skin to lay its eggs and creates such intense itching the disorder is sometimes known as "The Itch."

Sarcoptes scabiei (itch mite) seems to have a preference for certain parts of the body, often appearing between the fingers, in the palm of the hand, around the wrist or waistline, under the arms, and other similar places. The scalp and the face are never affected after infancy.

The tiny ectoparasite makes a small tunnel directly under the skin, usually about half an inch long. A ridge, resembling a very slightly raised irregular line, may sometimes be seen, but in most cases the presence of the mite cannot be detected until the infestation is severe enough to cause symptoms.

The disease spreads when the itch mites migrate from one person's body to another's. Hand-

shaking or contact with infested linen or underclothing are ways in which the mite may be transmitted and, understandably enough, the condition is more prevalent when individuals are in close contact with one another. For this reason children with scabies are generally excluded from school until the condition is brought under control.

After infection there is a short

period, which may range from 24 or 48 hours to a couple of weeks, before itching and subsequent lesions develop. Itching is the chief and most characteristic symptom and is much worse at night when the skin is warmest. Indeed, it is usually severe enough to keep the person awake and scratching. Naturally enough, night workers itch most during the day.

The person with scabies or any other skin disease should see a doctor. If uncontrolled, the disease may spread, which scratching may lead to a severe secondary infection, causing rash, boils, pustules and the like.

Self-diagnosis and treatment

are hazardous. A remedy that would be effective in treating the skin disorder impetigo, for instance, would be useless in a case of scabies.

Treatment consists of strict cleanliness and the application of prescribed medicaments. With

proper care, the condition is easily enough cured, but it will not disappear for a long time unless treatment is received. Scabies is a stubborn disorder; it was not called the seven-year itch in bygone days without good reason.

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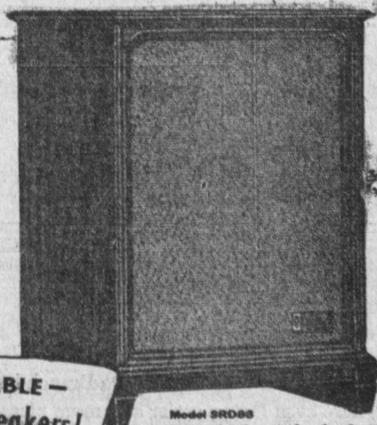


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